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Oct 31st/92

Mr J. A. Allen:—

My dear Sir:

It shows how
completely, for years back, I have
been out of touch with the
fraternity of Naturists that I had
lost all track of you until a
chance inquiry directed to Mr
Pennock revealed the fact that of
all places where I ought to have
been fully acquainted with the
working force you were engaged
at the Gray Herbarium—

I make haste to say what
I would have written long ago

had I known just when to reach
you. After all the fine specimens
of Labrador Willows which you
placed in my hands accompanied
by most painstaking and
instructive notes I should not
blame you at all for entertaining
a feeling of disappointment or
even of resentment. That I had
made no use of facilities so
generously placed at my disposal.
That the account of Labrador
Salices based upon your
collections had never become
an accomplished fact. The
truth is that as regards those
forms so common on the
Labrador coast intergrading
between S. planca on the one

kind and *L. Brownii* (= arctica R.B.) on the other I am as far as ever from being able to distinguish the snail. Various attempts exist in rough draft with each of which I was pretty well satisfied at the time of making - but when being "kept to cool" I was only too thankful later I did not publish. Within a month I have received from the Rev. Jas Mayhorne a kind of miscellaneous collection that in its way may prove helpful. There are over a hundred numbers represented by single specimens. Collected apparently as each book was encountered without any apparent choice - or recognition of kinds.

. Three fourths of the specimens at hand belong to this intermediate group between Browni and Lanca.

. It is one of the pleasant things I have before me this winter - to try again - with the assistance of this additional material to arrange these forms. and you may depend that when I do your admirable field work will be duly acknowledged -

It is not that I have shelved and forgotten the whole business - I have simply been baffled,

Yours very truly,

W. S. Bobb